IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Henrich Cheng)
Application No.: TBA) Group Art Unit: TBA
Filed: January 29, 2004) Examiner: TBA
For: METHOD AND MIXTURE FOR NERVE ROOT REPAIR)) Docket No. 001409.00009

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of provisional application serial number 60/443,167 filed January 29, 2003, the contents of which are expressly incorporated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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